

Reading Toolkit: Grade 4 Objective 1.E.4.d

Standard 1.0 General Reading Processes

Topic E. General Reading Comprehension

Indicator 4. Use strategies to demonstrate understanding of the text (after reading)

Objective d. Draw conclusions or make generalizations about the text

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Read the story "Summer Palace" and answer the following question.

What do you think Sasha will do next?

- A. read a book to her grandfather
- B. sit at the kitchen table with her grandfather
- C. draw another picture for her grandfather
- D. go to the Summer Palace with her grandfather

Correct Answer:

C

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Summer Palace

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"Here, Yeh Yeh (grandfather), I drew another picture for you."

"Ah, Sasha, you are getting so good now," her grandfather said. Sasha liked to draw so much. She could spend hours at the kitchen table drawing. Sasha especially liked giving her drawings to her grandfather.

Yeh Yeh hung all of Sasha's pictures in his study. It made Sasha feel special. Her grandfather always found a place for them.

"What is this drawing, Sasha?" her yeh yeh asked, putting on his glasses and looking closely. Sasha liked the way her grandfather took time to talk about her drawings.

"Well, that's Dad coming home from work and taking off his shoes," Sasha said.

"It's very nice. I think I'll put it here right next to my books." Sasha's grandfather had been a scholar in China and had a lot of books. Many of them were old and taped together. She knew the story of when Yeh Yeh left China. All he packed in his two suitcases were books. Sasha knew how much Yeh Yeh's books meant to him. She was proud to have her drawings hang above them.

"I'm glad you always like my drawings, Yeh Yeh," Sasha said.

"Your drawings are very special to me, Sasha," he said. "Do you know why?" "Well, probably because I'm your granddaughter," she laughed.

"Yes, I suppose," her grandfather said, removing his glasses. He patted Sasha on the head. "I never told you this before because I thought you were too young to understand. But your drawings remind me of my father."

"They do? Why?" she asked.

"Well, he was an artist. He came to Beijing from a small village in China. He was a young man at the time when they were building Yi He Yuan, the Summer Palace. He was one of the major craftspeople who worked on it. It is a famous garden in China and has some of the most beautiful buildings."

"Wow, Yeh Yeh. I didn't know that," Sasha said. "He liked to draw, too?"

"Yes, Sasha. So you see, I am so glad you like to draw. Every time you give me a drawing, I think of my father."

Sasha smiled and looked around at all her pictures on the walls. She felt happy to have given her grandfather so many memories.